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1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Address: 35 Great Smith Street
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United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Category requested: general

Date established: 18 August 1988

Membership: a national organization with no individual members, and 410 organizational members.

Summary of financial statement for year ending 31 March 1997 (pounds sterling)

Income	
Membership dues	-
Contributions from Governments	1 300 000
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	-
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	-
Revenue from contracts etc.	
Other income	165 490
Total	1 465 490

Expenditure	
Administration	1 418 663
Projects	
Other activities	
Total	1 418 663

Activities

The Local Government International Bureau, which is the international outreach arm of the Local Government Association of England, the Welsh Local Government Association, the Association of Local Authorities of Northern Ireland and the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities, seeks accreditation to the Economic and Social Council as the national affiliate body of the International Union of Local Authorities (IULA). IULA is based in The Hague, Netherlands, and has regional branches in all United Nations regions. IULA is in consultative status with the Council. The Bureau seeks accreditation under the procedure set out in Council resolution 1996/31.

Bureau personnel have been active within the United Nations system for a number of years, not only through IULA's consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, but within the context of the United Kingdom local authority contribution and response to United Nations activities. The Bureau has provided the interface between the United Nations process and the national/local implementation of the outcomes of the Earth Summit (1992). In cooperation with

IULA, and with the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives, the Bureau has promoted Local Agenda 21, the mechanism for the implementation of Agenda 21 at local level, among its members. It also promotes the Habitat Agenda in tandem with Local Agenda 21. Bureau personnel have also participated in the World Summit for Social Development, the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), the Commission on Human Settlements and the sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development.

A Committee of senior elected members formed to guide and inform the United Nations-related activities of the United Kingdom local authority associations and their member authorities, has recently been confirmed and strengthened, despite budget constraints in other areas. This demonstrates the Bureau's commitment to the cause of the United Nations, and especially its activities relevant to the local authority sector.

The Bureau has also been active within the "partnership" strategy practised by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), in seeking to build interfaces between levels of government, social groups and sectoral interests and activities. For example, a strong delegation was sent to the recent International Conference on Governance for Sustainable Growth and Equity organized by UNDP.

2. INTERNATIONAL PROSTITUTES COLLECTIVE

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San Francisco
California 94114
United States of America
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Category requested: general

Date established: 1975

Membership: international organization, with 2,830 individual members in 26 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1996-1997 (United States dollars)

Income

Membership dues	2 880
Contributions from Governments	-
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	-
Contributions from non-governmental organizations	-
Revenue from contracts etc.	-
Other income	14 165
Total	17 045

Expenditure

Administration	6 755
Projects: research project	3 069
Other activities:	
Reports/services	1 280
International networking/conferences	5 584
Total	16 688

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council

Aims

Aims are to:

(a) Highlight the effects and end the criminalization of prostitute women, children and men;

(b) Ensure that sex workers have protection against rape and other violence;

(c) Highlight the fact that prostitute women are women like other women, and ensure that sex workers everywhere have a voice and that their needs and demands are met;

(d) Press for sex workers to be recognized as workers with human, legal and civil rights;

(e) Oppose the racism, sexism and other discrimination based on legal and economic status, disability, sexual preference and so on faced by sex workers, including immigrant and migrant women;

(f) Make visible the economic contribution of sex workers, most of whom are mothers, to the survival and welfare of families and communities;

(g) Make policy makers aware of how the feminization of poverty, including structural adjustment programmes and economic restructuring, increases the numbers of women and children worldwide forced into prostitution;

(h) Press for viable economic alternatives so that no one is forced into prostitution by poverty;

(i) Gather and convey changes in public opinion that support the safety and rights of sex workers and their families;

(j) Work with individual Governments, United Nations agencies, the non-governmental organization community and the private sector to see that our aims become reality.

Activities

Towards these ends our activities include:

(a) Providing support, advice and information to prostitute women on the laws and their enforcement, safety, child custody, immigration, health, housing, welfare and other benefits;

(b) Running public education campaigns to raise awareness of sex workers' experiences and concerns;

(c) Gathering information and maintaining files on the prostitution laws and their impact on the lives of individuals and communities;

(d) Speaking to community groups, professional organizations, editorial boards, national and international conferences, schools, universities; and holding public meetings and media interviews;

(e) Lobbying local and national Governments;

(f) Publishing and contributing to articles, newsletters, books;

(g) Ensuring grass-roots participation and representation in relevant United Nations conferences and briefings; meeting representatives of United

Nations agencies and government delegates; mailing and e-mailing information on United Nations activity and developments affecting sex workers.

Participation

We intend to participate in the work of the Economic and Social Council by attending the meetings of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in 1998 and beyond, and the United Nations Commission for Social Development; being part of the non-governmental organization community including the NGO Committee on the Status of Women; conveying to our constituents and the general public progress and developments on our issues; and relaying the concerns of our constituents to the United Nations.

3. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN ORGANISATIONS IN UGANDA

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Uganda
Tel: 256-41-258463
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Category requested: general

Date established: January 1992

Membership: national organization, with 1,500 community-based organization members and 70 national organization members.

Summary of financial statement for year ending June 1998 (Uganda shillings)

Income	
Membership dues (subscriptions/registrations)	525 000
Contributions from Governments	
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	
Revenue from contracts etc.	
Other income	372 674 284
Total	373 199 284
Expenditure	
Administration	5 116 500
Projects	313 613 448
Total	318 729 948

Aims and activities, participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council

The mission of the National Association of Women Organisations in Uganda (NAWOU) is to promote a coordinated network of member organizations for the efficient use of resources so as to improve the status and living conditions of women in Uganda.

NAWOU's objectives are to mobilize women to form groups in order to address development issues of common concern; to coordinate and strengthen links between member non-governmental organizations throughout Uganda; to facilitate and coordinate networking between women groups, to encourage and develop arrangements for active and close cooperation with associates and other bodies throughout the world having similar aims and objectives; to be the voice and pressure group for member non-governmental organizations and all women of Uganda

through lobbying and advocacy; to promote research into, and the collection of gender statistics on critical issues of concern to women organizations; and to assist in the mobilization of resources for community-based women's organizations in order to help them achieve their objectives.

NAWOU will share experience through workshops, conferences and newsletters with United Nations members and will contribute ideas and skills on all areas of concern for the improvement of the status of women.

4. CHRISTIAN SOLIDARITY WORLDWIDE

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Surrey, KT3 3YF
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Category requested: Roster

Date established: 29 December 1980

Membership: the organization is a national organization with 11,811 individual members and 1,266 organization members.

Summary of financial statement for 1997 (pounds sterling)

Income	
Membership dues	-
Contributions from Governments	-
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	-
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	27 000
Revenue from contracts etc.	-
Other income	605 558
Total	632 558

Expenditure	
Administration	116 624
Projects	340 244
Other activities	122 731
Total	579 599

CSW aims to be a "voice for the voiceless". We work on behalf of persecuted Christians and others, and believe that it is our Christian mission to reach those people who are among the most outcast, the most deprived and most vulnerable.

Religious liberty advocacy

As a human rights organization, CSW reports on violations of human rights to numerous political arenas. It is also our policy to invite representatives of the media to accompany missions to areas where we are working in order to raise awareness and speak on behalf of victims of persecution who cannot speak for themselves.

Accountability

Although we are primarily a human rights organization, we believe that it is insufficient to be a voice for the voiceless when those for whom we are speaking are dying of hunger and treatable disease. Therefore, an additional dimension of humanitarian aid is often required, especially where no other aid agencies are able to be present. We endeavour to be accountable, by sending staff to accompany aid, ensuring that it reaches those in need.

Authenticity

The credibility of reports on the plight of those suffering persecution is enhanced by first-hand evidence, including photographs and films. We also seek, where possible, to obtain the permission of those whom we seek to serve.

Solidarity

The people whom we try to reach are frequently cut off from most other organizations. They may be suffering living in war zones, for example, where without aid, they are also bereft of the advocacy that often accompanies aid. Those who it has been our privilege to visit repeatedly emphasize that our presence shows that they are not forgotten. This often transpires to be of greater comfort and significance than any material supplies.

Participation in the work of the Council

There are numerous ways in which we hope to participate in the work of the Council. Obviously, if granted consultative status, we would wish to give evidence to the Human Rights Commission and the Subcommission on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities. Submissions would also be made to the various thematic and country Rapporteurs, and relevant Committees. We would endeavour to support improved monitoring and seek to work in partnership with other non-governmental organization networks, such as the Non-Governmental Organization Committee on Freedom of Religion and Belief. Obviously we would also seek to contribute to other relevant bodies, such as the ILO and UNESCO.

5. HUMAN RIGHTS INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE

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E-mail: HumanRights@HRIA.net

Category requested: special

Date established: 9 September 1994

Membership: Human Rights International Alliance (HRIA) is an international organization, with 2,829 individual members and 31 member organizations.

Financial statement for 1997 (pounds sterling)

Income

Membership dues	2 000
Contributions from Governments	-
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	-
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	-
Revenue from contracts etc.	-
Other income	8 731
Total	10 731

Expenditure

Administration	1 704
Projects	4 000
Other activities	5 000
Total	10 704

Aims and activities

The aims of the organization are to identify areas for the betterment of the community both in terms of civil and political rights and economic, social and cultural rights, as per the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and relative covenants, with special emphasis on non-violence and protection of individuals' lives. The aims are to work in partnership with other national and regional human serv e organizations and human rights groups, bring common objectives and issu s to public awareness, to promote multicultural awareness, relieve poverty, improve health conditions, promote education, improve economic and social conditions and save lives.

The organi-tion, through direct services or referrals:

- Maintains a close association of member organizations and individuals, working for the common objective of promoting peace and human rights through research, analysis, education and rehabilitation;

- Is in the process of creating an international databank of human rights organizations and activists;

- Is in the process of creating a human rights hotline in order to monitor and ensure swift intervention in cases of arbitrary, insecure detentions;

- Promotes the basic human rights as per the United Nations Charter and relative international covenants. Brings awareness and educates the public through conferences, symposia and hearings on diverse human rights and thematic issues, such as role, responsibilities and cooperation of human rights actors, global ethnocide, women's rights, children's rights against exploitation and slavery, social and economic injustice, conflict prevention, human rights education etc.;

- Helps individual human rights activists, social workers and organizations by making them available for press interviews, public speaking engagements and corporate seminars;

- Appeals and campaigns for the release of prisoners of conscience, provides legal aid and relief for victims of political violence and torture;

- Promotes, encourages and undertakes research and disseminates the results of such activities. Produces, prints and publishes anything in written, oral or visual media in furtherance of the objectives;

- Provides the provision of counselling and guidance in furtherance of its objectives;

- Participates and contributes to international forums related to the objectives of the organization, including those organized by the Centre for Human Rights.

Human Rights International Alliance is an international organization whose mandate essentially covers the clauses included in United Nations human rights and related conventions.

Human Rights International Alliance was founded on the principle that the concept of non-governmental organizations active in all walks of life is spreading in the North as in the South. It seriously took into consideration the difficulties and necessities for regional organizations to be encouraged and make their goals, activities and achievements known. HRIA also realized the difficulties faced by international institutions, mainly the United Nations, to integrate all non-governmental bodies in its structure, and therefore chose to be a cross-cultural channel of knowledge and understanding with regard to human

rights and development issues. In this respect, HRIA activities correspond fully to the wishes expressed for the last few years by United Nations bodies for non-governmental organizations to get together and have common areas of understanding with consensus forms of expression within the United Nations system.

The activities of the organization are directed primarily towards promulgating better understanding and implementation of articles contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and of the recommendations and resolutions of the General Assembly, the Commission on Human Rights and the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities. They also focus on active participation in such forums and United Nations organized working groups, assistance to special rapporteurs and consultancy with independent experts, the improvement of international provisions and legal instruments in the interests of individuals, peoples and nations seeking territorial peace, social and economic development, and respect for integrity and dignity.

One of the major tasks for the organization is the setting up of a human rights hotline. The purpose of the hotline is to provide individuals, in all regions of the world, with immediate assistance in case of arbitrary arrests and/or insecure detention. The hotline being a recipient of such cases, it shall then appeal to the concerned authorities by activating the HRIA network of United Nations appropriate departments and officers, non-governmental organizations, Parliamentarians and individuals.

6. KASHMIRI AMERICAN COUNCIL

Address: 733-15th Street, NW, Suite 1100
Washington, D.C. 20005
United States of America

Category requested: special

Date established: 5 April 1990

Membership: the organization is a national organization, with 32,094 individual members.

Summary of financial statement for 1997 (United States dollars)

Income	
Membership dues	25 600
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	176 800
Other income	285 286
Total	488 210

Expenditure	
Administration	92 989
Projects	284 892
Other activities	133 049
Total	510 930

The chief aim of the Kashmiri American Council (KAC) is international education and promotion of principles of human rights and human dignity, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, self-determination and fundamental freedoms for all, irrespective of their racial, religious, linguistic or sexual preferences. Its special concern is the realization of international human rights norms. Its programme includes public education (speaking at symposia and conferences, publishing newsletters, fact sheets, newspaper columns, letters to the editor, monographs, essays, and other documents) related to the broader scope and the programme of the Economic and Social Council. Its programme also includes attending international human rights conferences to strengthen international human rights conventions and mechanisms, such as a permanent international criminal court or ad hoc arrangements like those established for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda.

The KAC's educational mission also seeks to inform the public about the honourable causes of all oppressed peoples' internationally recognized right of self-determination, the horrifying conflicts that generally erupt when basic human rights are suppressed, and the imperative of working through peaceful means with all legitimate popular voices (and renouncing terrorism or violence) to resolve disputes.

KAC intends to participate in the work of the Economic and Social Council by attending conferences and submitting papers that support international human rights conventions and adherence to human rights norms generally. KAC specifically is eager to explore an array of potential international sanctions and additional institutional arrangements that would better deter and punish human rights violations which tragically seem to have become commonplace among the family of nations. The several lofty economic, social and cultural objectives of the Economic and Social Council can never reach fruition when fratricide, conflict and human rights brutalities are afoot. That understanding places the peace-minded activities of KAC at the centre of the Council's raison d'être.

7. INSTITUTE FOR SECURITY STUDIES

Address: P.O. Box 4167
Halfway House 1685
South Africa

Category requested: general

Date established: 1991

Membership: the organization is an international organization, with approximately 200 individual members and 3,800 organization members in 70 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1997 (South African rand)

Income	
Membership dues	58 763
Contributions from donors (includes Governments, intergovernmental organizations and foundations)	7 746 316
Revenue from contracts etc.	143 495
Other income	99 868
Total	8 048 442

Expenditure	
Administration	2 045 048
Projects	6 815 990
Other activities	111 503
Total	8 972 541

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council

The mission of the Institute for Security Studies is to enhance human security in Africa. This is achieved through applied research and the dissemination of information that can inform decisions on critical areas of individual, national, regional and international security. The Institute is committed to democracy, good governance and the promotion of common security.

We undertake research on issues which are of concern to South Africa and the continent as a whole. Our focus is on providing practical implementable policy that will assist decision makers in the region. Thus, our safety and governance programme has worked closely with the Secretariat of Safety and Security, the South African Police Service and the Department of Justice in South Africa on issues related to the transformation of the police in a new democracy. Regionally, we have assisted the Organization of African Unity in its work to develop the centre for conflict management and to develop its capacity for early warning. We have also worked closely with the Southern

African Development Community, more specifically its subcommittees, to raise the issue of illicit arms trafficking and domestic firearms control. In all of our endeavours, our work is supplemented and enhanced by the information and assistance we receive from other non-governmental, governmental and intergovernmental organizations.

In our increasingly interconnected world, the distances separating Africa from Europe and North America have decreased dramatically. As a part of this, we have increasingly reached out to organizations undertaking similar work in other regions or through other forums. Through a natural progression of interactions, we have, over the years, worked increasingly with the United Nations and its bodies, especially those of the Economic and Social Council. These interactions have taken the form of direct funding (we receive funding from Habitat and the United Nations Development Programme), consultations (for example, with UNESCO in Paris and its regional office in Namibia), and our attendance and participation at conferences and meetings. To date, we have been lucky to have Council-accredited organizations sponsor our attendance at these meetings. In the light of our anticipated further interactions with these bodies, however, we have been prompted to apply for consultative status ourselves. As an African-based non-governmental organization, we believe that we can contribute to the work of the Council through approved channels but that we can also gain from a closer cooperation with it and the entire United Nations system.

8 AFRICA FOR CHRIST INTERNATIONAL

Address: P.O. Box 16099
Kampala
Uganda
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Category requested: general

Date established: 1988

Membership: the organization is an international organization, with 505 individual members and 23 organization members in five countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (United States dollars)

Income

Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	35 000
Other income	13 110
Total	48 100

Expenditure

Administration	22 100
Projects	16 400
Other activities	818
Total	39 318

Aims and activities

The aims of AFCI are:

(a) To promote socio-economic-based development, agriculture, housing and functional literacy;

(b) To provide means for poverty alleviation by providing credit and supportive services to the poor to start income-generating activities;

(c) To promote gender balance;

(d) To train youth in income-generating activities such as trade;

(e) To provide volunteer work in the community;

(f) To network and collaborate with organizations which have similar goals and objectives;

(g) To train men/women for the promotion of the Christian faith under our school of Worle Mission.

Its activities are:

(a) Providing credit facilities to the poor;

(b) Preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ;

(c) Training the target group in functional literacy and adult education;

(d) Extending agricultural assistance in the form of seeds for food security;

(e) Conducting and organizing workshops/seminars concerning awareness of sexually transmitted diseases and AIDS.

Participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council

AFCI intends to participate in the work of the Economic and Social Council in two ways: attendance at meetings, especially in areas where the organization has competence and authority, and by preparing papers in areas where the organization has competence - for instance, microfinance and credit administration.

9. AFRICAN COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

Address: 532 South Vermont Avenue, Suite #104
Los Angeles, California 90020
United States of America

Category requested: general

Date established: 1984

Membership: the organization is an international organization, with approximately 50 individual members and eight organization members (branches) in 20 countries.

Summary of financial statement for year ended 30 June 1997 (United States dollars)

Income	
Other income	189 447
Total	189 447
Expenditure	
Administration and projects	172 083
Other activities	-
Total	172 083

Aims and activities

The African Community Resource Center (ACRC) is a non-governmental organization committed to the humanitarian vision of improving the quality of life in developing countries by providing equal access to resources, information and health interventions. ACRC takes responsibility for advocating on behalf of those whose human rights have been violated - i.e., women and children in refugee camps, those who have been abused by their own Governments, and those in need of hospitals, clinics and universities. Our goal is to offer help where there is none, to give hope when all is lost, provide food and medical care where they are not available to those who need it most and to offer a pathway through injustice wherever we find it. Our mission is to work towards peace and development with compassion and humanity.

We carry out our goals through a variety of programmes around the world, including clinic building, supplying and maintenance; building universities, medical schools and research facilities; shipping medical equipment, food and other vital supplies; sponsoring conferences and conducting research on conflict resolution, reproductive health, leadership training, human rights and other issues pertaining to peace and development; and recruiting and using volunteer professionals in the fields of medicine, science and technology, education,

social work etc. to provide social services, research and advocacy of human rights issues around the world. ACRC has created, supplied and maintained free clinics for women and children in Africa, and has a history of providing medical care, medical equipment, food, prenatal care and nutritional training in Ethiopia, Zaire, Burundi, the United Republic of Tanzania, Chad, Eritrea and Sierra Leone. ACRC conducts conferences and forums with foreign dignitaries from developing countries on issues related to their respective populations. For example, ACRC sponsored the First African Women's Network Conference (Los Angeles, 1996) with African women participants from the Fourth World Conference on Women.

Participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council

Granting of consultative status under the Economic and Social Council would allow us to vote and participate in all United Nations activities and to receive direct accreditation for conferences, summits and other events in which we want to be active participants. ACRC has participated in sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women and a workshop panel at the Fourth World Conference on Women. Consultative status would strengthen our ability to work even more closely with the United Nations and would, as a result, allow us to expedite the humanitarian aid we provide to developing countries. In addition, ACRC would have a stronger voice with which to advocate for refugee populations, women's issues and peace worldwide.

10. CENTRO DE DERECHOS HUMANOS MIGUEL AGUSTIN PRO JUAREZ

Address: Serapio Rendon 57-B
Col. San Rafael
CP 06470, Mexico DF
MEXICO

Category requested: Roster

Date established: 22 March 1988

Membership: the organization is a national organization, with 97 individual members.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (United States dollars)

Income	
Membership dues	-
Contributions from Governments	-
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	-
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	283 722
Revenue from contracts etc.	-
Other income (individual donations)	2 998
Total	286 720

Expenditure	
Administration	6 980
Projects	213 279
Other activities	-
Total	220 259

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council

The general aims of Prodh are to encourage the promotion of a culture of human rights in Mexico and to defend individuals and groups who have had their human rights violated. Our strategy has several elements: education and training, systematic analysis and dissemination of information regarding human rights investigation and denouncement of violations nationally and internationally, legal representation of individuals whose human rights have been violated and the development of national and international networks to combat violations.

To this end, Prodh runs workshops throughout Mexico for human rights promoters, indigenous communities and groups with the aim of increasing the national human rights network's ability to respond to violations. We also produce daily and weekly bulletins to provide an analysis of human rights violations and special reports focusing on specific regions or issues of

concern. These, as well as urgent actions, are disseminated nationally and internationally, which includes the holding of regular press conferences. We provide judicial defence for individual cases in national forums and at the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. We also work closely with international NGOs, such as Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch, and are active in international forums, such as the United Nations and the European Union.

Prodh is also a member of the National Human Rights Network Todos los derechos para todos, which includes 48 human rights organizations throughout Mexico.

With regard to participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council, Prodh presents urgent actions on a very regular basis to the thematic mechanisms and regarding human rights violations in Mexico. Prodh also prepares reports for the treaty bodies when periodical reports regarding Mexico are to be reviewed. Prodh has been participating in a limited capacity in the Commission on Human Rights under the auspices of other NGOs that have consultative status.

Consultative status would enable Prodh to build on these activities. It would be able to fully participate and provide access to other Mexican NGOs in the Commission on Human Rights and the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities. Activities would include the presentation of written and oral interventions before these commissions and the provision of expertise and information, regarding the human rights situation in Mexico, to delegation members and committee experts, with the aim of encouraging improvement of the human rights situation in Mexico.

11. KOREA INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION

Address: 446, Taewha-dong
Jung-ku, Ulsan
Republic of Korea

Category requested: general

Date established: 10 March 1988

Membership: the organization is an international organization, with 9,115 individual members and 172 organization members in 10 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (United States dollars)

Income

Retained earnings	860
Membership dues	141 154
Contributions from Governments	127 133
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	0
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	3 125
Revenue from contracts etc.	33 635
Other sources	122 495
Total	428 402

Expenditure

Administration	69 741
Projects	349 091
Other activities	7 610
Total	426 442

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council

The Republic of Korea was helped greatly by the United Nations and many foreign countries during the Korean War, so it is considered that now it should repay that assistance to the international society again. Therefore, this organization was founded by the President himself in 1988 and it is now a corporate juridical person with 9,115 members and organization members 10 years after its foundation, and now all of our members are cooperating, transcending nation, religion, race, sex and age, we are participating in activities of helping unfortunate neighbours, supporting welfare facilities, environmental observing education and volunteers education in Korea, and we have become an international civil service organization serving third world countries by protecting their natives, medical support for their health and humane support.

The reason why we are wishing to acquire the consultative status in the United Nations is:

(1) Secure personal protection and public trust for visiting the third world countries and the hinterlands and activities of our organization under the close cooperative system with the United Nations.

(2) That this organization can present our opinion through letters or oral reports to the United Nations concerning the inhabitants of the third world hinterlands where this organization participates in activities and the matters of concern and interest to the United Nations and also international problems.

(3) That we will report to the United Nations about the international problems which non-governmental organizations cannot solve and difficulties faced by the international non-governmental organizations to ask for cooperation, and we wish to consult with the international non-governmental organizations that have joined the United Nations.

12. RELIEF INTERNATIONAL

Address: 2288 Westwood Boulevard
Suite 216
Los Angeles, CA 90064
United States of America
Tel: (310) 572-7770
Fax: (310) 572-7790

Category requested: general

Date established: 1990

Membership: the organization is an international organization, with no individual or organization members.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (United States dollars)

Income	
Membership dues	-
Contributions from Governments	-
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	-
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	-
Revenue from contracts etc.	-
Other income	3 900 003
Total	3 900 003
Expenditure	
Administration	35 065
Projects	3 709 239
Other activities	
Total	3 744 304

Aims and activities and intended participation in the work of the Council

Relief International (RI) is a humanitarian non-profit agency that provides emergency relief, rehabilitation and development assistance to vulnerable communities worldwide. RI's mission is to:

(a) Serve the needs of the most vulnerable, particularly women and children, victims of natural disasters, civil conflicts, and the poor worldwide, with a specific focus on neglected groups and cases;

(b) Promote self-reliance, coexistence and reintegration of vulnerable groups;

(c) Provide holistic, multisectoral, sustainable, and pro-poor programmes that bridge emergency relief and long-term development at the grass-roots level;

(d) Empower communities through capacity-building and by maximizing local resources in programme design and implementation;

(e) Protect lives from physical injury or death and/or psychological trauma, where present;

(f) Uphold the highest professional norms in programme delivery, including accountability to donors and beneficiaries alike.

Founded in 1990, RI's energies initially focused on providing relief materials in such areas as the Islamic Republic of Iran, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Azerbaijan. Since 1993, RI has directly provided emergency, rehabilitation and development project services targeting affected populations in Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Chechnya, Tajikistan and Viet Nam. In 1998, RI is expanding its services to Burundi and Rwanda. Activities have assisted vulnerable communities in the health, shelter, reconstruction, relief, education, community development, agriculture and income-generation sectors.

RI is registered as a tax-deductible charity with the United States Government. RI serves as an implementing partner of the United Nations, is registered as a private voluntary organization with the United States Agency for International Development, and is a member of the American Council for Voluntary International Action. To date, RI maintains field offices in Azerbaijan, Burundi, Tajikistan, and Viet Nam.

In the light of the above, RI would offer a valuable community-based perspective to the Economic and Social Council through attendance at meetings, as well as potential written and oral statements, where appropriate. RI carries out its programmes in concert with beneficiaries and local counterparts alike, and has established partnerships with a number of national-based non-governmental organizations in Azerbaijan, Tajikistan and Viet Nam. As a provider of direct services, RI holds expertise in a variety of sectors in both the relief and development fields, as noted above. As an implementing partner with various United Nations agencies, such as UNHCR, UNICEF, UNDP and FAO, RI is sensitive to the mission of the United Nations and its programmes.

13. VISHVA HINDU PARISHAD (WORLD HINDU COUNCIL)

Address: Sankat Mochan Ashram
Rama Krishna Puram - VI
New Delhi - 110 022
Bharat
India

Category requested: general

Date established: 13 October 1966

Membership: the organization is an international organization, with 1.19 million individual members, and 48 organizational members in 19 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1996-1997 (United States dollars)

Income	
Membership dues	-
Contributions from Governments	-
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	-
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	-
Revenue from contracts etc.	-
Other income	357 806
Total	357 806

Expenditure	
Administration	50 394
Projects	97 479
Other activities	42 278
Total	190 151

Aims and activities and intended participation in the work of the Council

Vishva Hindu Parishad is represented universally by its 1.19 million members, who are guided in these service programmes by the four well-known concepts that reflect the realization of the ancient Hindu seers of India:

(a) "Truth is one. The wise pursue it variously". This understanding is the greatest contributing factor which has guided Hindus for thousands of years in tolerating and even respecting others' points of view. Emphasis is on the term "also" and not on "the only way". This emphasizes freedom of following a chosen religion and pursuing individual approach to life and having freedom of speech;

(b) "The whole of humanity is just one family of God". This concept emphasizes the acceptance of every human being as a member of an extended family under universal fraternity. This results in accepting members of all faiths;

(c) "Let all be happy, healthy and blessed". The term "all" includes all humanity, animal and plant kingdoms, and emphasizes the reconciliation of development with environmental/ecological balance;

(d) "Service to others is virtue and exploiting others is a sin". This has helped in developing a view of compassion towards the needy.

Vishva Hindu Parishad is engaged in work for the total welfare of humanity. While it has taken on its shoulders the responsibility of representing and promoting the welfare-related activities of Hindus, which form one fifth of the world's population, it promotes without discrimination the activities of moral and ethical education, medical aid for needy masses, relief to the very poor, advancement of general public utility, and the pursuit of socio-religious, scientific and general research. These noble aims are given shape through the untiring efforts and dedication of highly motivated social workers that operate from the central unit located at New Delhi, its 30 affiliated units spread all over India and 18 affiliated units registered in other countries.

Apart from organizing seminars and conferences at the national and international levels, Vishva Hindu Parishad runs various centres throughout India and abroad involving formal education, non-formal education, establishing single teacher schools, adult education in remote areas, publications for general literacy and awareness, library and reading room services for the very poor, hostels for the needy, and classes in ancient Hindu heritage, language and teachings.

In the field of medical and health services, Vishva Hindu Parishad runs many health centres, hospitals, yoga centres, leprosy treatment centres and research projects in the application of the ancient Indian medical system.

Because the aims and activities of service programmes are aligned with the work the Council is doing, it will be easy for VHP project people to provide extensive data and input on similar projects supported by the United Nations system organizations at other places in the world.

The participation in the work of the Council would be focused on the following areas:

(a) Child care: children who are destitute, orphans, abandoned or abused;

(b) Health and hygiene in remote locations: for people who are located in tribal belts and remote villages;

(c) Community development: for those who feel isolated, to make them feel a part of the community/family;

(d) Economic self-reliance (particularly women): for those who need to learn new skills for self-reliance;

(e) Environmental concern: for all, in particular tribal people who live near the jungle;

(f) Literacy programme: for villages and remote areas, where no schools exist.

14. JAMMU AND KASHMIR COUNCIL FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

Address: 167, Sanderstead Road, Sanderstead
CR2 OPH Surrey
United Kingdom

P.O. Box 241
London SW17 9LJ
United Kingdom

Category requested: special

Date established: 1985, entered in Charities Register in England and Wales in 1992 (Charity No. 1007297)

Membership: international organization, with 4,300 individual members and 74 organization members in nine countries

Summary of financial statement for year 1996/97 (United States dollars)

Income

Membership dues	22 134
Governments	-
Intergovernmental organizations	-
Other non-governmental organizations	41 087
Contracts	-
Other sources	194 866
Total income	258 087

Expenditure

Administration	36 720
Projects	164 063
Other activities	53 695
Total expenditure	254 478

Aims

Aims are:

(a) To provide relief, rehabilitation and development, aid and assistance to the victims of famine and armed conflict;

(b) To monitor the violations of human rights in South Asia or as required and to liaise with the United Nations Commission on Human Rights and the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities and other non-governmental organizations;

(c) To seek to promote respect for fundamental human rights in the region and to promote a general benefit in accordance with article 26 (2) of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

(d) To promote, for the public benefit, the treatment and relief for those who have undergone physical or psychological torture and/or ill treatment;

(e) To advance the education and training of refugees and their dependants in need thereof so as to foster their advancement in life and assist in their rehabilitation within a new community;

(f) To provide humanitarian help and assistance to those who are victims of the abuse of human rights, with the possibility for this purpose of setting up a charitable trust;

(g) To work in furtherance of article 26 (2) of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in promoting understanding and friendship among all nations and racial groups and furthering the maintenance of peace;

(h) To sensitize in respect of the furtherance of the cause of human rights and fundamental freedoms under Articles 55 and 56 of the Charter of the United Nations, cooperate in United Nations programmes/projects and disseminate information on the area of benefit;

(i) To cooperate with other non-governmental organizations in the effective functioning of bodies established pursuant to United Nations human rights instruments and in the implementation of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action.

Participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council

Jammu and Kashmir Council for Human Rights (JKCHR) attended the Open-Ended Working Group on the Review of Arrangements for Consultations with Non-Governmental Organizations at the inter-sessional meeting of the Economic and Social Council on 7 and 8 November 1994 at United Nations Headquarters in New York and submitted a paper to the Working Group on the "Contract of Understanding between the United Nations and NGOs".

JKCHR would continue its efforts, in collaboration with other non-governmental organizations, to make the interaction more productive and valuable in changing periods in regard to the dissemination of information on United Nations mechanisms and non-governmental organization efforts for the benefit of humankind.

JKCHR, in furtherance of General Assembly resolution 51/104 of 12 December 1996, entitled "United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education and public information activities in the field of human rights", would cooperate with international, regional and national non-governmental organizations and intergovernmental organizations on issues of women, labour, development, food, housing, education, health care and the environment, as well as with all other social justice groups in implementing the action plan.

JKCHR would bring General Assembly resolution 51/104 to the attention of the community and non-governmental organizations concerned with human rights education in the region.

15. LE FOYER MUSULMAN, ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE POUR LES DROITS DE L'HOMME

Address: 150, Route de Ferney
CH-1218 Grand-Saconnex
C.P. 2100 1211 GENEVA 2

Category requested: special

Date established: 5 August 1997

Membership: the association is an international organization, with 42 individual members from 23 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (United States dollars)

Income

Membership dues	10 500
Contributions of members	35 000
Total	45 500

Expenditure

Administration	43 292
Projects	2 208
Total	45 500

Aims and activities, and participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council

- To show and convince Muslim and non-Muslim peoples how Islam not only does not order or recommend violence but can be a very good basis for understanding and applying human rights principles all over the world, provided that people understand its philosophy. In this context, it invites and recommends respect for humankind, without discrimination of race, faith, culture, sex or political convictions.

- To educate populations on the importance of human rights, the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, peace and democracy, and to explain, by speeches, meetings, conferences, bulletins and publications, articles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights so that these would become sacred matte s. For this purpose, branches will be inaugurated in many countries, mainly in the Middle East, Africa and the former USSR. The main aim is to eliminate violence, change the deformed face of religions, mainly Islam (which ethnic and political interpretation has deformed for generations), and to recommend and teach tolerance.

- To actively participate in international conferences on human rights.

- To minutely study questions and problems pertaining to trouble spots which may threaten peace in the world, and when necessary, to travel to such countries and areas and prepare reports and surveys accompanied with recommendations. Furthermore, to respond to all requests made by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights or any other body related to the Council concerning any question, research, study or meeting, and to collaborate and make suitable statements, if necessary. Also, our organization will endeavour to mobilize public opinion for the necessity of neutral courts, which are dedicated only to the examination and judgement of the violation of human rights, and to ensure that these courts shall be empowered with authority to execute their decisions, as far as possible respecting the country's sovereignty. It appears that many judicial organs are not really independent of political leadership and are sometimes prevented from making neutral, independent evaluation and judgement. As part of our activities, we intend to collaborate with United Nations special rapporteurs on minorities and religious intolerance and other relevant committees or rapporteurs that deal with human rights questions.

16. MANAGEMENT SCIENCES FOR HEALTH

Address: 165 Allandale Road
Boston, MA 02130
United States of America

Category requested: special

Date established: 1971

Membership: the organization is a national organization, with no individual or organization members.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (United States dollars)

Income	
Membership dues	-
Governments	-
Intergovernmental organizations	1 649 147
Other non-governmental organizations	-
Contracts	50 018 884
Total	51 668 031
Expenditure	
Administration	11 632 224
Projects	39 690 408
Total	51 322 632

Aims and activities, and participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council

Management Sciences for Health (MSH) works collaboratively with health-care policy makers, managers, providers, and consumers to help close the gap between knowledge and action in the field of public health. MSH seeks to increase the effectiveness, efficiency and sustainability of health and family planning services by improving their management; to promote access to these services; and to influence public policy.

MSH activities focus on:

(a) Educating health-care managers, providers, and consumers through training, publications, electronic media, and conferences;

(b) Applying practical management skills to public health problems in both the public and private sectors;

(c) Strengthening the technical and management capabilities of individuals and institutions through collaborative work and training programmes;

(d) Discovering, applying, and replicating innovations in health management.

MSH has assisted public and private-sector health and population programmes in over 100 countries by providing technical assistance, conducting training, carrying out applied research, and developing systems for use in health programme management. MSH's areas of expertise include population and family planning, drug management, maternal and child health, health financing, primary health care, management information systems, and management training.

MSH is currently implementing long-term technical assistance projects in maternal and child health, family planning, and health-care financing, in Guinea, Haiti, Kenya, Madagascar, Nicaragua, the Philippines, Senegal and South Africa. In addition, MSH manages two large projects in family planning and drug management that work with organizations around the world. MSH is a partner in the Partnership for Child Survival, which manages the five-year basic support for institutionalizing child survival project, funded by the United States Agency for International Development; the project works with Governments and non-governmental organizations throughout the developing world.

17. GRAMEENA VIKAS SAMITHI

Address: 6-8-947, NGOS' Colony
Tirupati - 517 507
Andhra Pradesh State
India
Phone/Fax: 91-08574-26594

Category requested: general

Date established: 12 February 1990

Membership: the organization is a national organization, with 287 individual members.

Summary of financial statement for 1996/97 (United States dollars)

Income	
Membership dues	25
Other income	4 932
	961
	34
Total	5 952
Expenditure	
Administration	1 913
Projects	3 018
Other activities	34
Total	4 965

Aims and activities, and participation in the work of the Council

The aim of the organization is to bring about a desirable change in the lives of rural poor and to strengthen and promote voluntary efforts in rural development by building up local leadership. It also aims to educate people on environmental aspects of agriculture and allied activities and to improve the condition of women. All the activities of our organization are directed towards realizing these aims - namely, social awareness campaigns, disaster preparedness, reproductive health, organizing self-help groups, environmental awareness campaigns, family planning awakening, AIDS awareness and habitat development.

Most of our organization's activities are in line with those of United Nations bodies such as WHO, UNEP, UNESCO, UNICEF and UNDP. We thus feel that our work with the Council will be very effective. We wish to participate in the meetings and to discuss the various socio-economic problems or issues on which

we are working and on which we can exchange information for better learning and action.

Since we work closely with people at the grass-roots level, we can make them aware of the United Nations objectives and functions and can work towards realizing them, with the coordination of the Council. We wish to improve the health status of women in the areas, mainly through safe motherhood and reproductive health.

18. HADASSAH

Address: 50 West 58 Street
New York, New York 10019
United States of America
Tel: (212) 355-7900
Fax: (212) 303-8282

Category requested: special

Membership: the organization is a national organization, with 311,000 individual members (plus an associated men's organization with 25,000 members) and an international affiliated organization with 30,000 associates in 32 countries (and one territory).

Summary of financial statement for 1997 (United States dollars)

Income	
Membership dues	1 351 029
Contributions from Governments	859 940
Other income	122 105 328
Total	124 316 297
Expenditure	
Administration	7 334 016
Projects	53 257 394
Other activities	21 276 783
Total	18 868 193

Aims and activities and anticipated participation in the work of the Council

Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, Inc., is a volunteer, membership organization with 300,000 members in the United States alone. Founded in 1912 to pursue the ideals of democracy, health, medical research, education, women's rights and human rights, Hadassah supports and administers a vast network of worldwide programmes and institutions which serve people, regardless of race, religion or nationality. Hadassah has been involved in Africa, South America, Europe, Asia and the Middle East, providing medical assistance and relief, public health training, youth programmes, and vocational education as part of its ongoing commitment to social justice, mutual understanding and peace among nations.

Our international units operate in 34 countries and our medical organization and programmes - including hospitals, nursing and medical schools, child-care centres and community health services - have been recognized worldwide for providing outstanding health care. From Liberia to Nigeria to

Zambia. Hadassah has provided medical assistance and training to developing countries and has played a critical role in development-aid projects focused on medicine, public health, agricultural assistance and education. Many of Hadassah's international programmes train teachers, students and community-health professionals throughout the world in areas such as AIDS education, nursing, and general medicine.

Hadassah has also been active in providing emergency assistance and trauma care in countries around the world. Examples include: the establishment of field hospitals in Somalia and Rwanda; provision of medical evaluation, treatment and follow-up care for hundreds of children exposed to radiation following the nuclear reactor explosions in Chernobyl; creation of an emergency hospital with a field hospital staff of 70 doctors, nurses and medics to treat refugees in Serbia; and provision of rescue and medical teams to aid earthquake victims in Turkey.

United Nations

Hadassah strongly supports the work conducted by the United Nations and has held non-governmental organization status since 1951. Hadassah representatives were actively involved in the United Nations Decade for Women, attending conferences in Mexico City, Copenhagen, Nairobi and Beijing. They also attended the Hague Appeal for Peace in 1999. Hadassah provides regularly scheduled tours, briefings and seminars at United Nations headquarters in New York. Hadassah's contribution to the Council would be based on its knowledge and expertise in the field of health care delivery, education and humanitarian assistance. By educating and training health-care personnel from around the world to provide better care for their countrymen, Hadassah would improve life for people throughout the world.

19. NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN

Address: 2101 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 550
Arlington, VA 22201
United States of America

Category requested: special

Date established: 23 January 1984

Membership: the organization is not a membership organization.

Summary of financial statement for 1997 (United States dollars)

Income	
Contributions from Governments	5 246 477
Other income	5 519 857
Total income	10 766 334
Expenditure	
Administration	684 856
Projects	9 155 204
Other activities	
Total expenditure	9 840 060

Aims and activities

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) has spent the first 14 years of its existence coordinating and mobilizing the private and public sectors of the United States to create a training centre and information clearinghouse for thousands of organizations and agencies, in order to tackle one of the world's most complex and difficult social problems. NCMEC leads the country in its efforts to resolve and prevent the needless crimes against children that occur every day.

NCMEC has several different divisions that work together towards the common goal of protecting our children. Some of NCMEC's main divisions and projects are:

(a) Twenty-four-hour toll-free hotline (800-THE-LOST) which covers the United States, Mexico, United Kingdom, Belgium and France. It receives almost 1,000 calls per day from the public and law enforcement regarding stranger abductions, family abductions, runaways/thrown-aways, and lost or otherwise missing children.

(b) Missing Children Division, which coordinates with law enforcement and other agencies regarding missing children. It has assisted in the recovery of over 40,000 children.

(c) International Division, which manages all incoming cases under the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction and provides legal and technical assistance to victim parents, law enforcement, and other agencies regarding international child abduction.

(d) Media and poster distribution, utilizing technology in order to create and disseminate posters of missing children to all areas of the country and coordinating with media and the press in order to gain coverage of specific cases and general issues.

(e) Age progression, a method of computer graphics that shows the "age progress" of children who have been missing for over two years.

(f) Web site, with current pictures of missing children and the latest information on child protection issues.

(g) Exploited Child Unit, which offers technical assistance to law enforcement officials who are contacted on a case referral and is developing a database of child exploitation experts and international press releases regarding this issue.

(h) Publications, disseminated free to the public.

(i) Training and Project ALERT, which trains law enforcement from around the country and the world in the latest techniques and developments in areas of child protection and recruits volunteer retired law enforcement to aid in current projects and current investigations.

NCMEC has an established relationship with law enforcement and other official agencies throughout the world. Increasingly, as technology and travel make international communication easier, NCMEC is addressing the issue of missing and exploited children in the international arena. In addition to hundreds of domestic visitors and trainees each year, NCMEC hosts numerous international visitors and trainees every year who are interested in learning about our resources and programmes. These have included the Prime Minister of Belgium, the Attorney General of the Netherlands, various Interpol agencies from around the world, and embassy officials serving in and outside the United States.

Anticipated participation in the work of the Council

The United Nations has a long history of being a leader in campaigns to guarantee human rights and to try to end human suffering on a global scale. NCMEC is a model for how to use technology, private business, and government to help children. If granted consultative status with the Council, NCMEC would like to add to the foundation that the United Nations has established by assisting in pulling the world's resources together to help children maintain their fundamental rights as human beings. Through participation in conferences, dissemination of our vast resources, and contribution to the Council's studies and reports on social issues, NCMEC would be a unique, active non-governmental organization in helping to promote the cooperation of countries in trying to attain a crime-free world for children.

20. NATIONAL OPINION RESEARCH CENTER

Address: 1155 E. 60 Street
Chicago, IL 60637
Fax: (773) 753-7886
Tel: (773) 753-7500

Category requested: special

Date established: 11 February 1943

Membership: the organization is a national organization (as a not-for-profit corporation, NORC is an employee-based and not a membership organization).

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (millions of United States dollars)

Income	
Membership dues	-
Contributions from Governments	-
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	-
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	-
Revenue from contracts etc.	53.82
Other income	-
Total	53.82
Expenditure	
Administration	15.59
Projects	37.64
Other activities	-
Total	53.23

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council

NORC can make a contribution to the work programme and goals of the United Nations in general and in particular programmes relating to poverty studies, human development indicators, gender statistics, statistics on the informal sector, environment statistics and the evaluation of economic and social progress, by providing the services of some of their outstanding staff as technical experts, advisers and consultants to Governments and the United Nations Secretariat.

NORC can help in developing cogent measures on estimation of poverty on a uniform basis, and in the development of indicators for assessing and monitoring the poverty situation. Such a step will help countries in the formulation of appropriate poverty alleviation programmes. NORC recognizes that in planning and implementing policies and programmes aimed at attaining sustainable economic

growth, countries need timely, relevant, high-quality statistical information at a fairly disaggregated level, such as an administrative district. NORC can also help in devising statistical tools and procedures for small area estimation and sample surveys of the informal segments of different sectors - manufacturing, trading, transport, hotels and restaurants, and services - to meet the emerging needs of developing countries in the formulation of their development programmes. NORC can also contribute by devising statistical tools and techniques for improving the reliability of surveys in the fields of health and education in developing countries.

21. MINBYUN - LAWYERS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

Address: 5F Shinjung Bldg., 1555-3
Seocho-dong, Seocho-ku
Seoul
Republic of Korea
137-070

Category requested: special

Date established: 1988

Membership: the organization is a national organization, with 298 individual members nationwide in two local chapters.

Summary of financial statement for June 1997 to May 1998 (United States dollars)

Income	
Membership dues	151 619
Contributions from Governments	-
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	-
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	-
Revenue from contracts etc.	-
Other income	57 648
Total	209 267
Expenditure	
Administration	140 184
Projects	56 858
Other activities	4 445
Total	201 487

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council

The objective of MINBYUN - Lawyers for a Democratic Society is to contribute to the overall democratic movement by providing legal expertise and rational alternatives to advance progressive and constructive reforms.

To further advance democracy in the Republic of Korea and gain expertise, MINBYUN researches and analyses various laws and legal structures that impede the advancement of human rights. MINBYUN also offers solutions to legal problems in the field of human rights, and such proposals have been utilized by the National Assembly to amend various laws. In cases involving serious human rights violations, MINBYUN lawyers will conduct on-site investigations and submit reports to relevant authorities. When necessary, letters of protest are sent and lawsuits are instituted to remedy the wrong.

The systematic and continued application of national security and other laws to suppress human rights and persecute individuals who exercise their constitutionally guaranteed rights require MINBYUN lawyers to not only represent defendants in criminal proceedings but also monitor the authorities for any unlawful conducts, such as obtaining confession by use of torture. Recently, the scope of involvement has widened to cover environmental protection and social welfare.

MINBYUN formulates public opinion on issues related to human rights by publishing and circulating pamphlets, books, printed materials and findings of petition drives. Through its publications, MINBYUN informs the general public of undisclosed facts involving human rights.

MINBYUN works closely with other organizations to promote democratic causes. Cooperation can take various forms and includes research, on-site investigation and opinion-building. MINBYUN provides legal assistance to individuals whose rights have been violated.

MINBYUN started to work with UNHCR on asylum seekers in the Republic of Korea after signing an agreement in March 1999, MINBYUN is providing legal representation.

MINBYUN is also involved in international activities and is an active participant in various international human rights organizations. MINBYUN publishes information on international human rights activities and seeks to raise the domestic level of protection of human rights on a par with international standards. MINBYUN, in the capacity of a non-governmental organizations, drafts reports pursuant to various international human rights agreements and submits its reports to the United Nations.

MINBYUN submitted the counter report to the government report in accordance with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights to the Human Rights Committee in 1992. Cho Yong Hwan, a member of our organization, has sent communications to the Committee and obtained decisions from the committee relating to national security law cases. It is currently preparing its second report to the second government report that will be considered at the sixty-sixth session of the Human Rights Committee. Two of our members participated in the fifty-fifth session of the Commission on Human Rights and made interventions in the name of the Republic of Korea human rights network under item 11 (Civil and political rights). If MINBYUN is granted consultative status, its activities will be enhanced by its association with the Council.

22. OLABISI OLALEYE FOUNDATION

Address: Suite 44, Collingwood House
99 New Cavendish St.
London WIM 7FQ
United Kingdom

Category requested: special

Date established: 13 December 1989

Membership: the organization is an international organization, with three individual members and no organization members in two countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1996-1997 (pounds sterling)

Income	
Membership dues	
Contributions from Governments	
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	
Revenue from contracts	
Other income	
Total	4 525
Expenditure	4 525
Administration	
Projects	4 525
Other activities	
Total	4 525

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council

The Olabisi Olaleye Foundation was founded in the context of the United Nations Charter, and is firmly committed to ensuring that the impetus created by the United Nations Charter in favour of the individuals and their rights is carried forward and enhanced. In this respect, its activities correspond fully to the conception of post-Charter action endorsed by the Commission on Human Rights, the World Health Organization and UNESCO. The activities of those organizations are directed primarily towards the promotion and practical application of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and of those articles and principles of other international declarations and legal instruments accepted by the United Nations inasmuch as they concern the interests and rights of the individual, as well as towards the constructive amelioration of international instruments and of their implementation in the interests of the individual.

The organization aims to act as a focal point at the international level to protect and defend the rights of the individual exposed to acts of cruelty, inhuman and degrading treatment and exploitation and to prevent such acts.

The work of the organization is carried out in many different ways: intervention in specific cases of violations of the rights of the child; dissemination of publications and information about the situation of the rights of individuals in the jurisdictions of operation; participation in international seminars or conferences on different aspects of the rights of the individual, provision of advice in this field etc. In undertaking these activities, it defends individuals continuously and refers to basic principles of the United Nations, such as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The Olabisi Olaleye Foundation will continue to participate actively in United Nations sponsored meetings on the rights of the individual. The organization will expand its information-sharing activities to relevant sections of the United Nations Secretariat, and will participate in and offer its expertise to the Commission on Human Rights. At all times, the Olabisi Olaleye Foundation will seek opportunities to lend its research and operational activities to areas of interest to the Council as they concern the defence of the rights of the individual.